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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Election/Restriction requirement set forth in the Office action mailed January 8, 2004, the response for which is due February 8, 2004.